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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

I. Basis of the Report

This report has been drawn on the basis of (substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to invitation under Article 14, are referred in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments):

Description, pages

1-4 as originally filed

Claims, Nos.

1-5 as originally filed

Drawings, Sheet

1/1 as originally filed

**V. Reasoned Statement under Article 35(2) with Regard to Novelty,
Inventive Step and Industrial Applicability; citations and
explanation supporting such statement.**

1. Statement

Novelty	Claims 1-5	Yes
Inventive Step	Claims 1-5	Yes
Industrial Applicability	Claims 1-5	Yes

2. Citation and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

See attachment

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(ATTACHMENT)

To Paragraph V

1. In the subject Report, reference is made to the following document:

D1: U.S. Patent No. 2,105,736 (Hudson E.B.) January 18, 1938

2. Independent **CLAIMS 1 and 2**:

2.1 The present application meets the requirements of Article 33(1)

PCT because the subject matter of **Claims 1 and 2** is new

according to Article 33(2) PCT:

Document **D1** discloses a method and an installation according to

the preambles of claims 1 and 2.

The subject matter of **Claims 1 and 2** differs from **D1** by their

characterized clauses.

- 2.2 The subject matter of **Claim 1** includes an inventive step (Article 33(1)(3) PCT) for the following reasons:

Document **D1** is considered to be the closest prior art. The features of § 2.1 provide for shorter following times and smaller waste lengths. Strip beginnings and end are always rolled at an optimal tension (see page 3, second paragraph – German text (translators' remarks). The technical object can be seen in so changing the method and the corresponding installation, which are known from **D1**, that a smaller quantity of the rolled goods can be produced economically and with a good quality. This object is achieved by the invention in a non-obvious manner with reference to **D1**.

3. **Claims 3-5** depend on **claim 1** and, therefore, likewise meet the PCT requirements regarding Novelty and Inventive step.

4. The subject matter of **claims 1-5** is clearly industrially applicable (Article 33 (4) PCT).